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FLAMES TOP LEAFS 4-3

Officer paid $800K during suspension

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE

Recently dismissed sergeant was off-duty since 2008 incident

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Taxpayers were on the hook for nearly $1 million paid to a police officer who hadn't done a day of work for the Calgary Police Service in more than seven years.

Sgt. Anthony Braile was suspended with pay in December 2008 after an investigation into professional misconduct was launched against him. Braile remained suspended with pay until he was dismissed last week, roughly netting a whopping $800,000 in pay, with benefits tacked on top.

His annual salary as a level-two sergeant was anywhere between $111,072 and $114,400.

"I think it's safe to say it's unacceptable for the public; it's unacceptable for us," said CPS spokesman Kevin Brookwell, adding it's an issue that needs examination, as other similar cases have concluded far quicker.

Braile was a District 2 supervisor when he was involved in a high-speed chase of a suspected drunk driver. The chase reached speeds of 145 km/h at some points — but Braile was never supposed to pursue.

A criminal prosecution resulted, with Braile ultimately pleading guilty to a charge of careless driving under the Traffic Safety Act (TSA).

Coun. Ward Sutherland, who sits as a member of the Calgary Police Commission, said this incident shows the system's flaws.

"It's unfortunate," he said. "Everybody has to have a fair assessment of what happened, but it obviously shows the system that it's wrong it takes this long of a period of time to review."

Taxpayers also continue to dish out for three other officers who are currently suspended with pay.

Brookwell said the three officers include two constables who make between $62,816 and $93,766 annually as well as a sergeant who makes between $109,242 and $112,528 a year.

He said one of them has been suspended for a year but wasn't able to disclose the rank due to ongoing cases.

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City asking for $100M for affordable housing

POLITICS

Part of larger pitch to feds, province for stimulus

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

The City of Calgary has asked the federal and provincial governments for $100 million to spend on affordable housing projects in the city, and it says it can start those projects within one month of getting the cash.

The details were in a two-page proposal the city drafted to the governments, which was provided exclusively to Metro.

Speaking at the Big City Mayors' Caucus in Ottawa last week, Mayor Naheed Nenshi told reporters affordable housing projects are small, and the city can get lots of them built right away.

"If the federal government wanted to start funding affordable housing in this city, I could get hundreds of units of affordable housing units underway this summer," he said.

Sheila Rougeau, spokeswoman for the city, said the one-month timeline is realistic on many of the city's planned affordable housing projects.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said, while in Ottawa at the big city mayors conference (shown in this photo), that if Calgary were given the money, "hundreds" of affordable housing units could be started this summer. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

She couldn't give specifics on where these hundreds of units might be built, because this is just a proposal and no funding is attached to it.

"This is essentially early days. We're planning and preparing ourselves to be ready to move that type of work forward," said Rougeau. "The affordable housing projects, we believe can go to tender by the summer, perhaps sooner."

If the funding did come through, the city would put the projects to tender. It could create hundreds of jobs in the short term.

Affordable housing is just one of three tiers in the city's pitch for cash. The other two categories for which the city wants money are new infrastructure projects, and life cycle maintenance and enhancement on existing infrastructure.

> "We're planning and preparing ourselves to be ready to move that type of work forward."
> Sheila Rougeau

Cited infrastructure projects include the Glenmore and Barlow Trail interchange, and four-car CTrain service.

The ask for new infrastructure cash is $634 million, while the price tag on maintenance is $598 million.

The city is asking both the provincial and federal governments to relax requirements and let the city decide how to spend the cash.

It would instead report back in detail on how the money was spent.

"A requirement for provincial and municipal fund-matching will also result in unnecessary delays that we feel the economy cannot endure right now," reads the pitch.

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PUBLIC TRANSIT

Bus driver helps out commuter

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Raechel Wright was having one of those days at work, she had just come off a 10-hour shift, and eager to get home — but just as she arrived at her stop the bus she was meant to catch whizzed by.

"I was at the stop and a bus came by and didn't see me because of all the confusion," Wright said.

There were two buses at the stop, one being worked on by a mechanic, and one sent as a relief bus for the driver. It was cold, it was getting dark, so Wright wandered to the broken down bus to ask the operator when the next ride would be by to pick her up.

"He got on the bus and called Calgary Transit and said 'would it be okay if I took this lady home,'" Wright said. "Isn't that amazing? I was completely astonished."

Werner Auktor, the driver behind the wheel said she had missed the last bus for the rush-hour period and the next bus would take at least 30 minutes to arrive.

"I said come with me, and I'll take you where you need to go," Auktor said. "I drove my route towards Mckenzie Towne and I let her off the stop she would normally get off at."

Wright often shares her adventures on Calgary Transit with friends on Facebook or over Twitter.

"This was so amazingly nice, I just had to tell Calgary Transit on Twitter."

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IN BRIEF

Pedestrian struck, killed

A woman in her 60s has died after she was struck by a car on Centre Street Monday night.

Calgary EMS responded to the call just after 6:30 p.m. at Centre Street North and 18 Avenue.

The woman, 66, was crossing in a marked crosswalk when a red 1989 Ford Crown Victoria hit her, according to police. The woman had also activated the crosswalk's flashing overhead lights.

She was taken to Foothills Hospital with multiple traumatic injuries including head injuries, according to EMS.

The driver, a 70-year-old man, remained on scene and was cooperating with police.

Speed and alcohol have been ruled out as factors, police said, adding charges are pending.

No other injuries were reported. Police are investigating. METRO

Guns found outside northeast residence

Calgary Police were on scene at a residence in the city's northeast after multiple firearms were found lying on the ground outside the home.

Duty Inspector Phil Hoetger said members were at a travel trailer on the 3400 block of 84 Street NE on a different matter when they found the long guns.

"Those firearms have been seized and our tactical members are set up on the residence preparing to do a search warrant," he said.

Hoetger said police have taken one person into custody in relation to the other matter. The individual is now also a witness to the ongoing situation. METRO

There was no stopping patrons from enjoying the sun on the patio at the Ship and Anchor pub on Tuesday. COURTESY MIKE MORRISON

Calgarians tapping into patio weather

CLIMATE

Record high temperatures set on Tuesday

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

There's a different kind of "feels like" temperature happening in Calgary this week.

Instead of windchill driving the temperature down to feel like minus double-digits, it feels like late April. Some might even say early May.

The official temperature at Calgary International Airport broke a 90-year-old record for the day. The record high for Feb. 9 was 14.4 degrees Celsius, set in 1926. It was 16.1 degrees Celsius at 3 p.m. according to Environment Canada.

Joggers were out in shorts and T-shirts on the Bow River Pathway, soaking up the sun.

And for those who prefer to consume calories instead of burning them, restaurants and pubs on 17th Avenue had their patios open, too.

Becca Wheeler, manager at Cibo on 17, said they opened their patio on Monday as well, and planned to open it Wednesday unless the weather takes an unexpected turn.

She said the Tuesday special is cocktails, so people were tapping into the tropical vibe as they enjoyed colourful drinks in the sun.

Across the street at the Watchman Pub, they hadn't opened their patio, citing the afternoon shade.

But at Jameson's Irish Pub, also on 17th Avenue SW, operating partner Costa Tsoulias said their patio is well positioned to soak up the rays.

"We're lucky that way because we have it for most of the afternoon," he said. "You know how it is in Calgary — everybody longs for the beautiful weather and as soon as the sun's out, people are out and about."

Tsoulias said the good weather always brings a spike in business, and there was a slight wait for a patio table mid-afternoon — but not too long.

Although 17th Avenue had great weather, workers downtown hoping to grab an outdoor liquid lunch on Stephen Avenue were out of luck. Matt Muldoon, bartender at the Bank and Barron, said the city sets the times for opening patios on Stephen Avenue.

"We wish we could – that's for sure," said Muldoon.

LABOUR

Midwives walk out of talks

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

The Alberta Association of Midwives (AAM) is saying no to a proposed funding deal with Alberta Health Services (AHS) in hopes of receiving a new funding model to meet the province's growing demand for midwifery care.

AHS and the AAM have been meeting to negotiate a new deal that details how many families midwives will be able to help for the 2016/17 fiscal year.

Without an increase in funding, some clinics — especially in rural Alberta — have indicated they could close.

On Friday, AHS offered funds to cover 2,774 families for the 2016-17 fiscal year, according to the AAM. It's the same number the midwives received for 2015-16, meaning demand won't be met, said AAM president Nicole Matheson.

AHS also didn't offer a long-term contract, Matheson said.

"The message was in contrast with the Health Minister (Sarah Hoffman's) stance that she wants to maintain funding with slow increases," said Misti McFarlane, vice-president of the MaternityCare Consumers of Alberta Network.

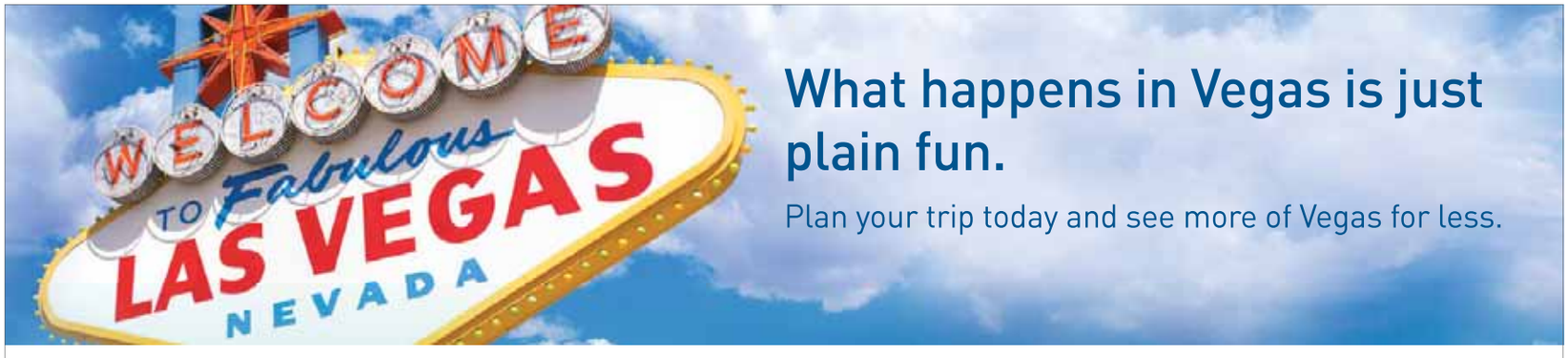
She said fewer families will be helped.

The AAM walked away from the negotiation, and won't meet until it can sit down with both the health minister and AHS.

It's a risky move advocates support — the AAM must strike a deal by March 31, as that's when the current contract expires.

Matheson said she understands it's risky, but wants families to have the best care, which would stem from a sustainable funding model.

"Babies don't wait for a fiscal year," she said.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Sled Island executive director Maud Salvi said the festival was determined to attract top international acts, despite the low Canadian dollar. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

Sled Island ready to wow this June

ARTS AND MUSIC

Guided By Voices heads bill of some 250 performers

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Despite the low-flying loonie, Juljana Capone was surprised to see many American acts headline Sled Island's 10th annual arts and music festival.

"That's actually awesome they were able to get lots of international acts given our low dollar," said Capone, who works with the National Music Centre. "It's exciting. I was really impressed."

On Tuesday afternoon, Sled Island announced the headliners for the 2016 festival, which is set for June 22 to 26 in Calgary's Year of Music.

Headliners include American indie rock band Guided By Voices, whose reunion was announced in conjunction with the Sled date.

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The 2016 festival marks a decade of arts and music enjoyment for Calgarians.

Also on the list are Deafheaven, the Sonics, Angel Olsen, Built to Spill, Julia Holter, Psychic TV, Health, Dawn of Midi. New Bomb Turks, Protomartyr, Radioactivity, Duchess Says, Suuns and Tortoise.

"We're so happy to share all this good news with you," said Sled Island executive director Maud Salvi to a roaring crowd at Commonwealth Bar & Stage.

"The low Canadian dollar has been really challenging for us, considering that we bring a lot of artists from the United States and Europe," she said. "But, you know, it happens. We've made it through a flood, so we'll make it through this."

Salvi said Sled is hoping more Canadians tour within the country, while more American tourists visit due to the low dollar.

She said Sled spent considerable time curating the festival.

"We really always care about creation ... that is one of the things we know is our asset," she said. "We're just as involved and as passionate to put it on every year."

Capone said Sled has exceeded her expectations. She's also excited to see Guided By Voices, which takes over Olympic Plaza on June 25.

"I feel like its a natural fit for Sled," Capone said. "Everyone's been talking about wanting them to come here for so long and, now that they're coming here for the 10th anniversary, it's perfect."

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WORKPLACE SAFETY

Protections needed for night staff: AFL

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

After another late-night robbery at an Edmonton convenience store the Alberta Federation of Labour wants to ensure the government is moving quickly to protect late-night workers.

Early Monday morning, two masked men with firearms — along with a female suspect — went into a convenience store near 40th Street and Hermitage Road and assaulted the clerk, leaving the worker with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

In December, two Mac's store employees in Edmonton were killed in late-night robberies.

Alberta Federation of Labour president Gil McGowan said the attacks clearly demonstrate the need for better protections.

"Working alone at night, especially in workplaces like gas stations and convenience stores, is a workplace hazard," he said.

McGowan said the government should follow British Columbia's lead requiring companies to have at least two workers on shift or put workers behind protective glass.

"It has proven very effective at mitigating the risks faced by late-shift workers," he said. "The evidence clearly shows that if there is more than one worker on shift would-be robbers think twice."

McGowan said they want to make sure changes the government promised after the Mac's deaths in December come into the spring session of the legislature.

> **It has proven very effective at mitigating the risks.**
> Gil McGowan

Labour Minister Christina Gray was unavailable for an interview. But in an emailed statement, Gray said they were committed to making changes, though offered no timeline for new legislation.

"We will be collaborating with businesses and workers to identify long-term changes to improve safety in these types of work environments."

Gray said in the meantime they would be asking OHS staff to go into workplaces and talk with employees and employers about these issues.

TRAVEL

Free parking grace period nixed at YYC

There's now no such thing as free parking at the Calgary International Airport.

The airport has axed its free 30-minute grace period at its short-term lots, according to its website YYC.com.

Now, those dashing in and out must pay a $3 fee.

The subsequent 30 minutes in short-term lots P1 and P2 cost $4.50. Every 30 minutes after that is $7.95.

Short-term lots don't have an hourly rate, and the daily maximum for those lots is $49.95.

If you don't feel like paying, there's still the free park-and-wait cellphone lot.

Hourly rates at other lots start at $10. The daily max for long-term parking lots is $27.95. METRO

Student art exhibit cut short by faculty

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

Censorship confusion over gay content limits opening

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Please be advised, this exhibition contains adult or provocative content and may be disturbing.

Now, are you interested in seeing this gallery show at The Little Gallery?

A University of Calgary student took down her art show a day early after she felt it was labelled and censored by the school. The exhibition featured images of gay pornography, and was deemed to be explicit by faculty. Limits were placed on the students' show including the aforementioned warning, and a closed-door policy.

"I have had a content warning at a show before, but it certainly didn't brand the work provocative and disturbing before anyone got (a) chance to see it," said Zac Slams, the artist. "It said content warning, there is sexual imagery in this art. Which is a lot less aggressive. The language matters.

"To be told the first day of your show the doors will be shut and you're not even allowed to open them for the opening — I do see it as a kind of censorship."

Brian Rusted, department head at the University of Calgary Faculty of Arts, said this isn't a form of censorship, but rather a warning that the faculty of arts have used in the past. To his recollection, another pair of students have had similar treatment — a warning and closed-door mandate.

Zac Slams was told her gallery show, with depictions of gay pornography, was too explicit for The Little Gallery at the University of Calgary. CONTRIBUTED

"Categorically there is no censorship. We've done nothing to impede Zac Slams' ability to make the work that she makes and we've done nothing to impede her ability to show it," Rusted said. "Our staff came in on Monday morning, we had no idea what her show was, what the content of it was, and staff, technicians and faculty members were shocked. We discussed what would be appropriate, and we consulted other galleries about their practices in the past."

> **I have had content warning at a show before, but it certainly didn't brand the work provocative.**
> Zac Slams

In an email exchange between the department's gallery curator and Slams provided to Metro, she outlined the content of her show before it went up, including the fact that it would depict images from gay pornography.

"Usually that kind of thing would be discussed before when they knew there was gay pornography in the work and it would be discussed with the artist, not enforced on the artist," said Slams.

Slams added there should be a sexual content policy directly in the school's gallery contract.

Rusted said there's no clear-cut policy or rule about explicit content. He said the gallery is meant to be a teaching gallery where 95 per cent of exhibits are connected with courses and supervised by professors.

"It's rare that we have somebody outside the department exhibiting work," Rusted said. "We don't have ... a committee that selects submissions.... I think one of the outcomes of this situation is we will probably do something like that."

In protest of her treatment, she photocopied the audience warning and had her boyfriend line the room's floor with it.

"I sent my boyfriend to go and take down the whole show and I cancelled the opening," Slams said. "I made 40 copies and covered the whole floor with them, just to point out the ridiculousness of what happened to me."

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INDIGENOUS ISSUES

Board commits to increasing high school completion

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

The Calgary Board of Education is following through on commitments to increase graduation rates of First Nations, Metis and Inuit students, which have been lagging significantly behind average high school completion rates.

"We've always been working with each and every student, but we acknowledge that we need to do better with our First Nations, Metis and Inuit students," said Joy Bowen-Eyre, board of trustees chairwoman.

The Tuesday board meeting began with recognition of First Nations land and territory.

With nearly 4,000 self-declared indigenous students, learning director Elizabeth Gouthro and aboriginal education supervisor Lori Pritchard said the most important way to increase their success in school is by creating environments that are open and supportive to them.

"There are some students within that population who have more complex problems," said Gouthro. "They've suffered from colonialism and intergenerational trauma, and so will require some extra support, in particular in social, emotional, literacy and numeracy (supports)."

Gouthro said public schools have not been a place where indigenous students have been successful in the past, so part of the challenge is not only to convince students, but the indigenous community as a whole, that public schools are a place where children are welcome and can belong.

New supports for students include high school mentorship coaches for First Nations students, which were introduced in the first half of the school year.

"What we've heard today is that (mentorship) program is doing exceptionally well," said Joy Bowen-Eyre.

"We've seen greater attendance with our students. They're saying to us that they feel more supported and that they feel connected. They have a relationship with somebody inside the school that understands them and wants to ensure they do well."

> **We acknowledge that we need to do better with our First Nations, Metis and Inuit students.**
> Joy Bowen-Eyre

The board has also been working with an indigenous work group and an elder council to properly honour events at CBE schools concerning indigenous culture.

"We're doing so much work at a system level and a school level," said trustee Julie Hrdlicka. "But there are lots of other challenges, including racism, which is prevalent in our society."

Hrdlicka said promoting conversations about the history of First Nations people in schools is part of the framework to increase the success of these students in schools.

Learning director Elizabeth Gouthro and aboriginal education supervisor Lori Pritchard said anchoring indigenous student success in local and provincial policies is key going forward.
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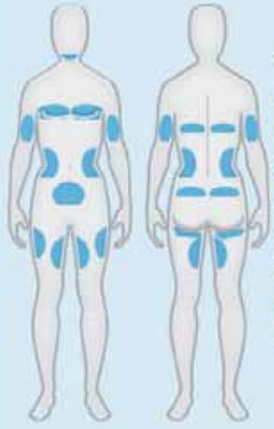

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Crown wants 6.5 years in sex assault case

The Crown says a man convicted of attacking a woman who ran into the central Alberta bush to escape and was lost for nearly two weeks should go to jail for 6-1/2 years.

A jury convicted Kevin Roy Gladue of aggravated sexual assault last week in Red Deer.

Court heard that Gladue, who is 38, and the woman were in a truck that got stuck on the O'Chiese reserve near Rocky Mountain House in July 2013.

The 27-year-old woman testified that she was sleeping in the truck and woke to find Gladue trying to take her pants off.

She said he hit her with an object, breaking her jaw, and that she ran into the woods but became disoriented.

The woman said in her impact statement read in court Tuesday that she was "emotionally tortured" and "brutally traumatized" by the incident, while her mother described how she was "sick with worry" while her daughter was lost and called what Gladue did "inhumane."

Gladue will be sentenced on Feb. 25.

Gladue's lawyer argued for a sentence of 2-1/2 years in jail.

An oilfield worker found the woman badly injured and wandering in the area 12 days later.

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SURVIVAL

The woman told RCMP she survived on river water and berries while nursing a broken jaw.

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Parent Roni Kirkness said a big benefit of the school was that she could drop her kids off on the way to work — and easily pop in to attend events without taking time off. COURTESY RONI KIRKNESS

Downtown school loses space

CBE

Dollar-per-year lease no longer available, forcing closure

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

After losing a deal that let W.H. Cushing School lease a downtown space for only $1 per year, the Calgary Education Board of Trustees voted to close down the space on Tuesday.

"This is the worst part of our job," trustee Pamela King said during the meeting, adding that it was a situation they had absolutely no control over.

Since 1995, W.H. Cushing has operated out of the Len Werry building downtown at the rate of only $1 per year. The school was designed for parents who work in the downtown core, and the building provided daycare services to better accommodate their schedules.

However, in May 2014, Telus, which owns the building, announced plans to renovate the space — meaning there won't be a space for the school come September.

> **It's going to be tough, really tough.**
> Roni Kirkness

Roni Kirkness, who has two children attending the school, is now worried about balancing her work schedule, and getting the children to school on time.

"It's going to be tough, really tough," she said. "I know a lot of parents were saying on the last field trip, they're going to miss being able to run down and spend 15, 20 minutes to walk them to a field trip or go to an assembly."

In the process of finding a new downtown space for the students, the CBE contacted 45 corporations.

Officials said none of them were able to commit to a partnership due to the current economic situation.

The board of trustees also requested an exemption from the formal school closure process from Alberta Education, given the unique circumstances surrounding the closure.

The exemption was granted. The school will be closed in June.

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Mixed bag for new Syrian students

EDUCATION

Young siblings were bullied at first but things have improved

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Starting over at a new school in a new country has had its ups and downs, according to the Abbara kids and their mother Nour Raies.

The family who came to Calgary from Syria as temporary residents said they've had a mixed bag of experiences since beginning school in Canada.

"The good things I see in the school is that the teachers are very nice and there are lots of options," said 13-year-old Jana, who attends Ted Harrison School. "The bad things are that there have been some bad girls who have bullied me and called me bad names."

Nine-year-old Mira, who along with her six-year-old brother Faisal attends Guy Weadick School, echoed her older sister's sentiments, saying some kids aren't very nice to her by pretending not to understand her.

Raies said one process that was helpful in getting the kids started at a Calgary Board of Education school was when her kids had language assessments performed at the Kingsland Centre.

"It was very good," she said. "Jana is a level three, Mira a level two and Faisal a level one." Raies said now all three of her kids are given English as a second language classes (ESL) at school, which the kids love.

"We go into a room and the teacher shows us an animal dictionary and we can colour the animals and they ask us what they're called," said Mira. "She tells me these are your ears, these are your eyes, this is your mouth — and I learn all the words."

Megan Geyer, spokesperson for CBE said assessments of students are done by their LEAD (Literacy, English and Academic Development) program.

"The program offers a strong focus on English Language Development and numeracy," said Geyer. "Teachers in this program have received professional learning opportunities, which helps them assist students in adjusting to their new life." Geyer said CBE has added 11 new classes to the existing LEAD program and there are currently 143 students enrolled, with more arriving daily.

Raies said although the language programs are great, all three of her kids have experienced bullying, and she thinks there is more that CBE can do to help educate students and teachers with how to deal with the issue, such as informative nights for parents and students.

"There is sometimes miscommunication between them and it would be helpful for them," she said. Jana and Mira said things have gotten better since the first few days though, and they have made a few great friends.

> The bad things are that there have been some bad girls who have bullied me. 13-year-old Jana Abbara

Jana (top left), Mira, Nour Raies, baby Karim, Faisal (front left) are all adjusting to life in Canada, including new schools and new challenges. LUCIE EDWARDSON/METRO

At the dining table, Calgary is for lovers

VALENTINE'S DAY

Two city restos make list of most romantic in the country

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Two Calgary restaurants are being praised for their oh-so-romantic atmospheres — just in time for Valentine's Day.

Of the 50 restaurants named in Open Table's Top 50 Most Romantic Restaurants in Canada, an impressive 10 are located in Alberta, with two — Rouge and Q Haute Cuisine — right here in the city.

Mike Burns, general manger for Rouge, located in Inglewood, said they're really pleased their customers love what they do.

"We're so fortunate to have a business in a restored provincial historical site that really does a lot of the work for us," he said. "Our grounds also encompass our fully operational organic gardens, and that really does help create that romantic environment when you can go and be alone outside with your partner under the moonlight or in the sunshine."

If you're planning on a Valentine's date at Rouge this weekend, you're too late. Burns said they only have two slots available this Sunday — at 10 p.m.

Siddhesh Dharankar, operations manager at Q Haute Cuisine, said they're largely booked up, with some spots open Friday evening. He said it's the ambiance of the riverfront resto near Eau Claire and the original menu concept that makes them a great "special occasion restaurant."

"Combined with our perfect setting of the riverside, white rustic decor and candlelight, we have all the qualities you look for in a romantic restaurant," he said.

If you're planning on a Valentine's date at Rouge this weekend, you're too late. CONTRIBUTED

ARTS

Nenshi asks leaders to be poetry readers

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Mayor Naheed Nenshi sent a letter to mayors across the land, giving other mayors in Canada his challenge at hand. A poem to be read at the beginning of meetings, to support local poets and impress councillors like Shane Keating.

The quest will take place from March to April — did you know there aren't any direct rhymes for April?

"The creative industries in Canada are an important part of what makes our country a great place to live," said Nenshi in a release Tuesday. "I'm looking forward to once again challenging other Canadian cities to use their council chambers as a platform to encourage, uplift and promote the art of poetry."

The challenge was initiated by Regina Mayor Pat Fiacco in 2012 and taken up by communities across the country. Last year, Mayor Nenshi challenged mayors across Canada to participate and saw more than 70 communities engage — the largest participation yet. METRO

IN BRIEF

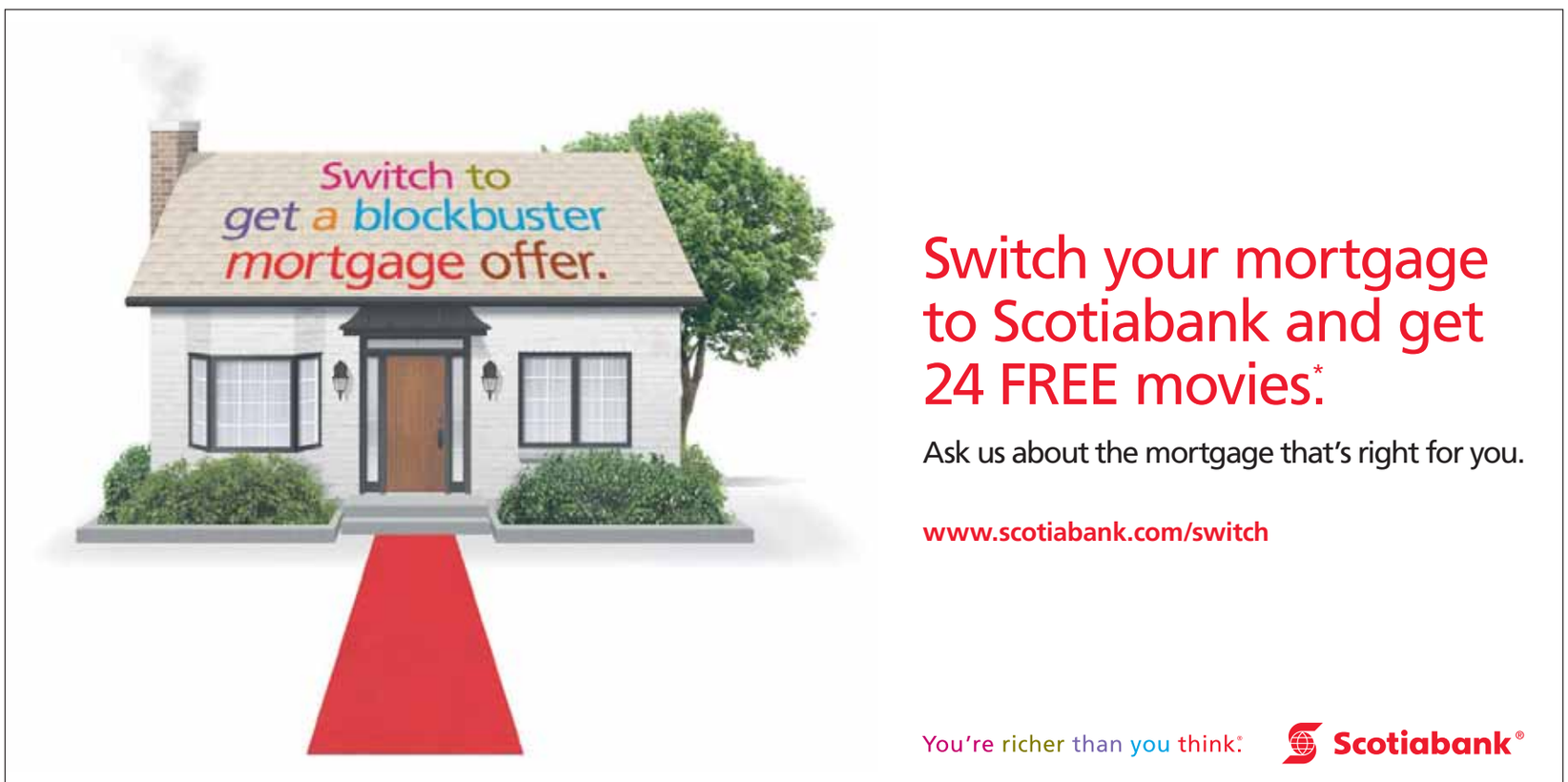
U of C researchers granted $7.6 million in funding

Eight University of Calgary researchers were recognized as Canada Research Chairs on Tuesday.

The university professors will receive a total of $7.6 million of CRC funding.

Sheri Madigan, assistant psychology professor at the U of C, has received a Tier II Canada Research Chair worth $500,000 over five years to study a number of determinants of and interventions for enhancing childhood development.

Madigan's research reveals that about a quarter of children show deficits in learning, language or social behaviour before they go to school. METRO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Discount Tattoo received a closure order from AHS on Jan. 28 for being unsanitary. METRO FILE

Parlour owner fires back

TATTOOS

Uses YouTube to rail at Alberta Health Services

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Discount Tattoo owner Ryan Kinsella is firing back at Alberta Health Services (AHS), addressing his "haters" in regards to the home-based parlour that health authorities deemed unsanitary.

"I want to make one thing really clear: The fine is for carrying on without a business licence," Kinsella says in the introduction of his YouTube video. "I was not charged for using unsanitary equipment; I was not using unsanitary equipment."

On Monday, AHS sent out an advisory, warning the public of Discount Tattoo's unsanitary conditions. It also restated it sent Kinsella a closure order Jan. 28.

Dr. Judy MacDonald, chief medical officer of health with AHS, said people may have been exposed to Hepatitis B and C and HIV if they received services from Discount Tattoo or Kinsella.

Kinsella said he's received swarms of hate-filled comments.

"The stuff I've been hearing from people, the judgmentalness and the messages and comments I've been hearing from respectable church-going people … it's insane," he said.

In the video, Kinsella shows people what processes he undergoes when tattooing people. He also shows his equipment and how he disposes of old needles.

"I'm not going anywhere, so yeah, keep hatin'," he says.

In a statement, AHS said it has the authority to pursue court enforcement of any closure order it issues if there is a lack of compliance.

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ENTREPRENEURSHIP

From oilfields to shucking oysters

Lucy Haines
For Metro

It's actually not such a long way from labouring as a pipeliner to making a business flourish.

Rob Tryon used to put in 14-hour days for months straight in the often harsh conditions of central Alberta working in the oil-and-gas industry.

Now he said he puts in "36 hours a day, eight days a week" running his fledgling seafood-supply business.

"Each day last winter, I didn't know if I'd be working the next day. The slowing economy and uncertainty of it all — I just did it on a whim," he said. "I said I needed a change and to follow my dream, so I am."

Working with just a company name, Effing Seafoods (named for the Effingham Oyster), Tryon said he decided to give his "one-man show" a full-on effort, emailing every chef in the city that he could find to set up meetings.

Just a few months on, the 36-year-old has a bursting calendar — a five-course sturgeon dinner with Alberta Hotels, regular gigs with Chef Doreen Prei at Get Cooking classes and deliveries (and oyster-shucking tutorials) to regular customers in the Edmonton area.

"I grew up in a commercial-fishing family in B.C., so I knew I'd be in the shellfish business," he said.

Tryon said he also gets posts on his Facebook page from those who call his career switch an inspiration.

Statistics Canada says that, overall, Alberta lost more than 30,000 natural-resources jobs last year, mostly the lower-paid employees and labourers like Tryon.

At Edmonton's About Staffing employment agency, operations manager Chris Messie said his office is busier than ever with oil-sector workers who are considering upgrading skills or shifting careers altogether.

"People have lost job security and a big paycheque, but it's a new normal. Oil-and-gas workers have to change their expectations about how much they'll earn now," Messie said.

Rob Tryon lost his job in the energy sector and started a business. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

IN BRIEF

Ex-premier to write book for think-tank

Former Alberta premier Jim Prentice has a new job.

The Washington-based Canada Institute at the Wilson Center says Prentice has joined the organization as a visiting fellow.

The think-tank works to increase awareness about Canada and Canada-U.S. relations among U.S. policy makers and opinion leaders.

The Center says Prentice will use his time to complete a book on energy and environmental issues, including climate change and pipelines.

Prentice's book is to be published later this year.

He resigned from Alberta politics last May after the NDP swept the Progressive Conservatives from power.

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Rewards program hopes to reward you with health

ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

Balance gives personalized report card, action plan

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Alison Belanger thinks Albertans are at that point where they need a rewards program to get healthy.

"Unfortunately, yes," said Belanger, a client of Alberta Blue Cross.

"I think a lot of people would be more inclined to take better care of themselves if they are rewarded for it. Who doesn't like to have a reward for doing something well?"

Earlier this week, the Alberta Blue Cross introduced a online wellness rewards program for plan members and employees.

Called Balance, the program asks Blue Cross members to first take a health risk assessment online. Once they finish, they're given a personalized health report card. Balance then gives them an action plan to become healthier.

So, to get points, members read Balance's health modules, track their health behaviours and undergo personalized challenges. Balance is also integrated with wearable fitness technology.

Sharmin Hislop, spokesperson for Alberta Blue Cross, said she doesn't think Albertans are at a point where they need a rewards program to encourage healthy behaviour.

"If there's another way to encourage (healthy behaviour) or start something, then we're here to help with that," she said.

"If it gets you to put on the running shoes and add a few more vegetable in your diet then that's a good thing."

> **If it gets you to put on the running shoes ... that's a good thing.**
> Sharmin Hislop

In fact, the Blue Cross launched Balance because studies showed rewards program do encourage healthy behaviour.

Belanger said the program may not encourage her to become healthier, though she knows a few people who would love the idea.

Hislop said the Alberta Blue Cross could make net gains in the long-term. But by how much and when can't be determined, she said.

"Claims might increase a bit because we're encouraging people to get their eyes checked and go to the dentist because we want them to take care of their health," she said.

"If they start living a healthy lifestyle, then all the maintenance will still stay there but preventative will kick in.

She said the whole purpose of the program is to have people healthier, meaning expenses would generally decline.

"Whether that occurs in 5 years, 10 years or in our lifetime, we don't know."

The Alberta Blue Cross is using its program, Balance, to encourage healthy lifestyles.
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

CRIME

Man charged in online fraud

Calgary police have charged a man after he allegedly scammed people across Canada looking for auto parts.

A lengthy and ongoing investigation has found 50 people across the country who were bilked out of cash as part of an online transaction and vehicle repair fraud.

According to police, victims would place an online ad and be contacted by Jeffrey John Keizer, 26, of Calgary.

He would request payment or a deposit upfront to cover shipping. After the money changed hands, the part disappeared.

Other reports to police allege the man offered to repair vehicles and demanded to be paid upfront.

He would then either not complete the work or claimed the car had been stolen from outside his home.

Keizer is also known as Jack Van Der Van, Kyle Brown and Kenny MacDonald. He was arrested in southeast Calgary and charged with one count of theft of a motor vehicle and 10 counts of fraud under $5,000.

Keizer will appear in court Friday Feb. 19.

CPS thanked the RCMP, Saskatoon Police Service, Hamilton Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary for their assistance in this investigation.

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The Calgary-Greenway PC Association is seeking nominations for individuals interested in becoming the candidate to represent the constituency and the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta in the next by-election. The nomination period to obtain information, complete the nomination papers, and pay the nomination fee will commence Tuesday, February 9, 2016 and will close at 5:00 pm on Wednesday February 17, 2016. The nomination meeting (if necessary) will commence at 10:00 am and conclude at 5:00 pm on Saturday February 27, 2016 at the Abbeydale Community Centre, 821 Abbeydale Dr NE, Calgary. Voters shall be members in good standing of the PCAA, must ordinarily reside in the Calgary-Greenway constituency boundaries, be a Canadian citizen, and be at least 14 years of age. When voting, members must show PCAA Membership card, and two (2) pieces of identification, at least one of which must be photo identification. The boundaries of Calgary-Greenway are delineated by the following communities - Taradale, Coral Springs, Monterey Park, Abbeydale, and Applewood Park.

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Don't arm Kurds, warn analysts

EXTREMISM

Critics say Canada's plan could backfire

The government faces calls to reconsider its plan to arm Kurdish fighters with automatic weapons and mortars because they could fall into enemy hands or be used to harm innocent civilians.

Analysts warn that Canada's decision could have long-term consequences, even if it does assist its best ally on the ground in the fight against the militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

Canada will triple its contingent of 69 special forces trainers working with Kurdish Peshmerga forces in northern Iraq — part of a retooled contribution that will also see CF-18 fighter jets end their bombing sorties there and in Syria.

A recent report by Amnesty International accused the Kurds of bulldozing and burning down thousands of Arab homes in northern Iraq in an apparent attempt to uproot them.

"The news that an increased contingent of Canadian troops will be involved in training and providing support to Peshmerga forces, therefore, potentially raises serious human rights concerns," said Alex Neve, the head of Amnesty's Canadian branch.

Thomas Juneau, a University of Ottawa Middle East security specialist, said arming the Kurds could lead to long-term pain of the region as well.

"The Kurds in Iraq and in Syria are among the most reliable fighting forces on the ground against Islamic State," but they have aspirations for a country of their own, he warned, meaning Canada may be "playing against our long-term objective" of a united and stable Iraq.

Peggy Mason, president of the Rideau Institute, urged the government to reconsider the plan to arm the Kurds, noting there's a spotty history of weapons caches falling into the hands of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant throughout Libya, Syria and Iraq.

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RIGHTS ISSUES

Canadian troops trained on international law

Jordan Owens, a spokesman for Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan, said Canadian troops in Iraq have received legal training on armed-conflict laws and will report on any abuses and will be vigilant in their responsibilities, "including how to prevent and report incidents or abuses."

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PLOWING THROUGH A SNOW JOB

Haligonians were digging Tuesday after about 30 centimetres of snow blanketed the East Coast late Monday.

The blizzard conditions caused cancelled flights and closed schools. Environment Canada reported that the wintry blast brought up to 43 centimetres of snow to Nova Scotia, although much of the province got less than half that.

Blowing snow also made travel difficult through much of southern New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The blizzard continued to track northeast into Newfoundland. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ANIMAL CRUELTY

66 dogs rescued in mill bust

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Sixty-six sick and neglected dogs — some with broken limbs or missing ears — were seized from a suspected puppy mill in Langley, B.C.

The BC SPCA announced the bust Tuesday, saying the seizure of 32 adult dogs and 34 puppies in need of urgent care is one of the largest in the province's history. Criminal charges are being recommended against at least two people.

Investigator Marcie Moriarty said the animals were confined to small crates and cages in unheated and unsanitary buildings.

Many require veterinary care as a result of their "desperate conditions."

The mill bred and sold many in-demand breeds, including Old English sheepdogs, Bernese mountain dogs, standard poodles and Portuguese water dogs across the country.

There is no legislation governing breeders, only municipal kennel licensing.

Moriarty recommends against buying animals from a breeder sight unseen.

"Visit the property," she said. "A good breeder is very eager to show off their dogs and they'll ask just as many questions of you as you have for them."

In other cases of this size, Moriarty says the SPCA and prosecutors have been successful in getting lifetime bans on animals ownership against breeders and some have served jail time.

This Bernese dog was among 66 dogs seized by BC SPCA.

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POP CULTURE

Video of babies' bedtime melee an Internet sensation

Corrie-Lynne Whyte and Dan Gibson have four young kids. A time-lapse video of Corrie-Lynne trying to get the four ready for bed has gone viral and been viewed over 57 million times.

CONTRIBUTED VIA TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

How to make a viral video: Take four (literally) bouncing babies, one overwhelmed but determined mom, add a set of adorable onesies, and voila!

A 26-year-old Cambridge, Ont. mother has become an online sensation after she and her partner posted footage of her getting their kids ready for bed to Facebook.

The time-lapse shows Corrie Whyte struggling valiantly to put pyjamas on her eight-month-old triplets and two-year-old toddler as they squirm all over the bed, and has been watched more than 57 million times since it was posted Feb. 4.

Whyte's partner Dan Gibson shot the footage of triplets Olivia, Levi, and Jackson and their sister Emily, and says the response to the "spur-of-the-moment" video has been "mind-blowing."

"We were both excited to see the video hit 10,000 views, and then 20,000 views. But then we were like, oh my God, it's not even been an hour and it's just skyrocketing," he says.

Gibson, 26, says that strangers love seeing his young family and always stop him and Corrie when they take the triplets out in their conspicuously large stroller.

He's posted videos of the kids before, but none have been as popular as "Mom vs. Triplets + Toddler." He suspects the reason why is the previous posts featured him instead of Corrie. "It's because mom is hard at work changing all the babies," he says.

According to Gibson, the pair is planning to shoot a second video in which he'll try to beat Corrie's time.

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IN BRIEF

Microbeads to be banned

The federal government plans to ban two-millimetre microbeads from facial cleansers, toothpaste and other products by 2017. There is evidence the plastic accumulates in lakes and rivers. The government seeks public input. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mounties increase safety

In the wake of the June 2014 shooting deaths of three Mounties in Moncton, N.B., the RCMP has completed 42 of the 64 recommendations from a January 2015 report, with a priority on safety, equipment — including better access to shotguns — and training.

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Early wins for Trump, Sanders

NEW HAMPSHIRE

U.S. candidates considered to challenge the establishment

Bernie Sanders won a commanding victory over Hillary Clinton in the New Hampshire primary Tuesday, and Donald Trump also scored a big win in a triumph of two candidates who have seized on Americans' anger at the Washington political establishment.

Both outcomes would have been nearly unthinkable not long ago. Sanders, a democratic socialist, defeated Clinton, the former secretary of state once seen as the all-but-certain nominee. While Clinton remains the favourite in the national race for the Democratic nomination, the win by Sanders could be a springboard into a competitive primary campaign.

For Trump, the brash real-estate magnate, the win was an important rebound after his loss to Texas Sen. Ted Cruz in last week's Iowa caucuses, the first nominating contest. Trump has led national polls for months and the win reinforces his position as front-runner, proving his unorthodox, populist campaign can win primaries.

For some Republican leaders, back-to-back victories by Trump and Cruz, an uncompromising conservative, add urgency to the need to coalesce around a more mainstream candidate to challenge them through the primaries. However, Tuesday's vote did little to clarify who that candidate might be.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich finished second after devoting most of his campaign resources to New Hampshire, while Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush battled for third, along with Cruz. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie lagged behind the pack.

At stake Tuesday were less than 1 per cent of the delegates who will choose nominees to succeed Obama in July. But a strong showing in New Hampshire can result in a wave of media coverage, donations and give a candidate momentum ahead of races in coming weeks, including the March 1 "Super Tuesday," when 11 states vote.

Among Democrats, Sanders, who narrowly lost Iowa, has appealed to liberal Democrats who believe Obama hasn't done enough to address the nation's wealth disparity. Clinton has cast herself as more pragmatic and able to achieve her agenda by working with Republicans.

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TRUMP EFFECT

In a sign of Trump's impact on the race, two-thirds of Republican voters said they support a ban on Muslims entering the U.S., a position he proposed.

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders reacts to the crowd at his primary-night rally. J. DAVID AKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks to supporters on Tuesday. DAVID GOLDMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GOVERNANCE

U.A.E. to get a chief of glee

The prime minister of the United Arab Emirates has announced the creation of a new ministry of happiness in the Arab Gulf state.

But not everyone is smiling.

Critics quickly took to Twitter to question how the U.A.E.'s human rights record and involvement in regional wars help make people happier.

The new Minister of State for Happiness, said Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum on Twitter, "will align and drive government policy to create social good and satisfaction." A Minister of State for Tolerance, meanwhile, will "promote tolerance as a fundamental value in U.A.E. society."

The announcement comes amidst a larger government shakeup and news that the government would privatize some services.

In a series of tweets, Al Maktoum, who also serves as the ruler of Dubai, said he wanted a person under 25 to serve as the next minister overseeing youth issues.

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Police approach protesters in the Mong Kok district of Hong Kong, Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Hong Kong activists clash with police

Hong Kong's Lunar New Year celebration descended into chaos as protesters and police, who fired warning shots into the air, clashed over a street market selling fishballs and other local holiday delicacies, with dozens injured and more than 60 arrested.

The violence is the worst in Hong Kong since pro-democracy protests rocked the city in 2014, leaving a growing trust gap between the public and authorities.

Activists angered over authorities' attempts to crack down on the food hawkers held running battles with police into early Tuesday. Protesters pelted officers with stones, glass bottles and other debris. Some threw garbage cans and plastic safety barriers. They also set fires on the street.

The unrest started when authorities tried to prevent unlicensed street food sellers from operating in Mong Kok, a working-class district. The hawkers have become a local tradition over the Lunar New Year but this year authorities tried to remove them. Activists objected over concerns that Hong Kong's local culture is disappearing as Beijing tightens its hold on the semiautonomous city. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A rescue worker discards an object as he searches through the remains of a building which collapsed Tuesday in an earthquake. ANTHONY WALLACE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Tainan survivor tells a scary tale

SOUTHERN TAIWAN

Quake kills more than 40; about 100 still said missing

After propping himself against a wall for 20 hours to avoid smothering his girlfriend, Ko Ching-chung's strength was draining away.

The young couple had been trapped in Saturday's pre-dawn collapse of the Weiguan Golden Dragon apartment complex in the southern Taiwanese city of Tainan following a strong earthquake. Outside, rescuers were frantically searching for survivors amid the smashed concrete and twisted iron.

"Toward the end, to tell you the truth, I had already given up," Ko told Taiwanese broadcaster FTV from his hospital bed on Monday, a day after he and his girlfriend were rescued.

"I had no strength left to hold myself up anymore. My body fell on top of her. She would have soon not been able to breathe. I said to her I had to lay on top of her, and she said to me it's OK."

Soon after, rescuers heard her voice and pulled the pair from the rubble, placing them among the more than 300 people who survived the tragedy that had claimed at least 40 lives by Tuesday. More than 100 people remain unaccounted for.

Ko said his main desire following his rescue was to reunite with his loved ones, especially his mother, who had waited anxiously at the scene.

Also among the survivors was eight-year-old Lin Su-chin, who was rescued on Monday with her 28-year-old aunt, Chen Mei-jih. On Tuesday, Lin had recovered enough after her 61-hour ordeal to speak a few words to her father and grandparents, mainly to express her wish for her favourite snacks.

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REFUGEES

Norway probes child abuse at relief centres

Norwegian police said Tuesday that they are investigating several cases of sex offenders allegedly abusing children at asylum-seekers' reception centres.

The abuse was reported to authorities during the autumn and winter, Axel Wilhelm Due from the National Criminal Investigation Services said without providing figures or details except to say that there were "several" cases.

The incidents included abuse by known sex offenders visiting the reception centres as well as residents of the centres, Due said, adding that police were reviewing every alleged case.

Last year, more than 31,000 people applied for asylum in Norway of whom 5,300 were unaccompanied minors.

In Macedonia, authorities are reinforcing a barrier at the country's border with Greece that is designed to limit the number of migrants and refugees crossing into the country. Macedonian President Gjorge Ivanov visited the border town of Gevgelija on Tuesday to witness the start of the construction of the existing metal border fence's second layer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Migrants look from a train at the border of Greece and Macedonia. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

SPAIN

Princess Cristina in court

Spain's Princess Cristina was back in court Tuesday for trial along with 17 others, including her husband, on charges ranging from tax fraud to embezzlement.

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Cristina, sister of King Felipe VI, faces two counts of tax fraud carrying a maximum prison sentence of eight years for allegedly failing to declare taxes on personal expenses paid by a company she owned with her husband, Inaki Urdangarin.

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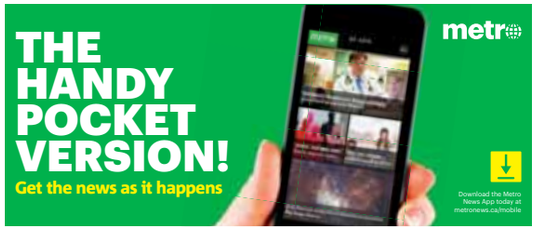

Companies with more women executives perform better financially, new study shows. ISTOCK

Women execs boost firms' bottom lines

WORKFLOW

But a female CEO makes no difference, study finds

Companies that want to boost their bottom line should promote more women to the executive suite, a global survey concludes.

Profitable firms that went from having no female leaders to 30 per cent representation saw a 15 per cent increase in their financial performance, the study by the Peterson Institute for International Economics found.

The reason for the success was elusive, the study said, noting it may be that women increase the diversity of skills available to a firm or that companies who discriminate against women underperform.

Having more women on the executive team had a greater impact on corporate success than having more women on the board, while having a women CEO made no difference, the study found.

Despite this apparent advantage, female representa- a women CEO, according to the study, called Is Gender Diversity Profitable.

7 per cent

The percentage of women board members in Corporate Canada, according to the Peterson study.

Canada ranked in the bottom 10 countries reviewed by the institute, which may reflect the fact so many of its publicly traded companies are small firms working in the resource industries, said Michelle de Cordova, director of corporate engagement with NEI Investments, Canada's oldest and largest ethical mutual fund.

The Peterson study found that, across the globe, larger firms and firms in finance and health scored the highest on female representation.

Corporate Canada still has a long way to go, the Peterson study found, noting that women made up just seven per cent of board members, 14 per cent of executives, three per cent of CEOs and two per cent of board chairs at the companies surveyed. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

MARKETS

Billions lost in stock buyback

If you think your stocks are doing poorly, check out the performance of some of the most sophisticated investors: companies that buy their own shares. The companies losing money on these bets are down a collective $126 billion US over the past three years, a decline of 15 per cent, according to a study prepared by FactSet.

Many corporations would have been better off investing that cash in an index fund instead of their own stock. The overall market rose 39 per cent over the same period. The companies could also have distributed that cash as dividends to shareholders.

When a company shells out money to buy its own shares, Wall Street usually cheers. The move makes the company's profit per share look better, and many think buybacks have played a key role pushing stocks higher in the seven-year bull market.

But buybacks can also sap companies of cash that they could be using to grow for the future, no matter if the price of those shares rises or falls.

The recent losses highlight another criticism: companies may be good at finding oil or selling bathroom trinkets, but they aren't always smart stock investors. Some corporations bought ever more of their own shares even as prices tripled from financial-crisis lows and several measures showed the market was overvalued.

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MUSIC

Happy Birthday lyrics copyright suit settled

Music publisher Warner/Chappell Music will return $14 million US in fees to settle a lawsuit that challenges its claim to Happy Birthday, one of the world's best-known songs. A federal judge ruled in September that Warner/Chappell didn't own the lyrics and had no right to charge for their use. Under terms of a settlement reached in December, Warner/Chappell will give up its claims to the ubiquitous song and reimburse those who paid licensing fees.

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Four-legged friends
Horses can interpret human facial expressions, a new study says. Dogs are the only other animal known to do this.

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THE QUESTION

Seems this must be sex-ed time for our junior high schools. The loud-talking students on the city bus are letting a lot of people know about it — in detail. How can I make my life better for my 45-minute ride home?

Dear Ellen,
Seems this must be sex-ed time for our junior high schools. The students on my bus are letting a lot of people know in detail every part of sex ed, which makes some people cringe. The bus driver has even stopped the bus and asked them to please not talk so loud. Is there some kind of advice so I can make my life better for my 45-minute ride home?
Jack in Calgary

Dear Jack,

I support sex education in the schools 100 per cent. There is nothing "dirty" about learning the correct names for body parts and how human reproduction works. Ignorance or misunderstandings about the facts of life can be embarrassing at best, and dangerous at worst, for people who grow up without knowing the basics or who pick up misinformation from shame-filled, secretive or malicious sources.

You should also know that I have used a fair bit of profanity in my day. I spent a formative period of my youth in England amongst an invading horde of hard-drinking, sex-obsessed, foul-mouthed Australians. After the initial shock wore off, I joined in with gusto.

Possibly it was a matter of self-defence; refusing to be intimidated, I tried to outdo them in the creative application of profanity to every conceivable situation. I think my immature adolescent brain was confusing vulgarity with fearless intellectual independence. Immature adolescent brains can be quite obnoxious, as you have discovered on your daily bus ride.

Even if you don't find such language embarrassing or offensive, the fact is that many people do.

Needless to say, working as a journalist has done little to rein in my habit of using coarse language.

However, in spite of my approval of tax-funded sex education, and my own indulgence and expertise in profanity, I absolutely agree with you that it's unacceptable for anybody to use coarse language or discuss sex in any kind of language, coarse or otherwise, in public.

Even if you don't find such language embarrassing or offensive, the fact is that many people do. And it's inconsiderate, and therefore ill-mannered, to inflict your unwanted, uninvited, crude and cringe-making conversation on others.

There is no shortage of times and places that are suitable for filthy conversation. In the privacy of your own home, for example. Or at certain clubs or parties. Or the workplace, if you work with journalists, or stereotypical longshorepersons or sex workers. Or the Australian consulate.

Having said all that, I'm not sure what we can do to solve your problem. You could politely ask the kids to tone it down, or rely on the bus driver to threaten to throw them off the bus each day. It might eventually seep into their muddled young brains that their loud and lewd conversation is unacceptable.

But even nice, well-intentioned, well-brought-up kids aren't always aware of how obnoxious they're being when they're having giddy, boisterous fun in a group.

All I can suggest is that you invest in some high-quality (non-leaky) headphones to listen to music or podcasts, or some earplugs to listen to nothing, during your daily commute.

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The Democratic field of competing feminist dreams

Emma Teitel
Metro Toronto

Anna Maria Tremonti, host of CBC radio's The Current, moderated a debate this week between two very different American political volunteers: Karen Murphy, a 53-year-old Hillary Clinton supporter, and Anoa Changa, a 34-year-old Bernie Sanders supporter.

It sounded less like a civil argument than it did a squabble at Thanksgiving between a cranky grandmother and rebellious granddaughter.

The fly in the ointment was generational feminism. Second-wave feminists of Murphy's ilk tend to support Clinton because they long to see a woman — any woman — in the White House. But fourth-wave feminists — millennials — are skeptical of an establishment candidate whose X chromosomes don't change the fact that she is a champion for the status quo.

Many millennial women support socialist Sanders, who supported gay rights decades before Clinton did and who knows no villain more villainous than income disparity. Sanders is a staunch advocate for the poor and middle class, a position in sync with a modern feminist movement fixated on "intersectionality" (the intersection of class and race in politics).

Old-guard feminists such as Gloria Steinem, who is uncompromising in her support of Clinton, appear to resent this. In fact, in the eyes of some of the world's most esteemed feminists, Hillary Clinton is to the Democratic nomination what Leonardo DiCaprio is to the Oscars: an "about-time" shoo-in.

What's so ironic about this feminist flame-war is that it is precisely because of advances made by establishment feminists that modern feminists can reject a woman candidate and vote with their heads rather than their hearts.

These older feminists see Clinton as a symbol, but symbols are no longer any match for candidates who, while male, advocate platforms that are likely far more beneficial for women. It's a testament to the success of feminism that women can now dismiss female candidates who don't share their philosophies.

Clearly, second-wave feminists don't see it this way, possibly because their desire to see Clinton in power at all costs isn't really about progress, but mortality. They understandably want to see a woman in the White House before they die. I would, too. But for millennial feminists who have decades of voting ahead of them — and who came of age when the United States elected its first black president — the possibility of a female president appears not just likely within their lifetime, but inevitable. So why should they be expected to lay all their chips on the table for a woman whose politics are a watered-down version of her progressive male rival's? They shouldn't. And, for the good of women everywhere, they won't.

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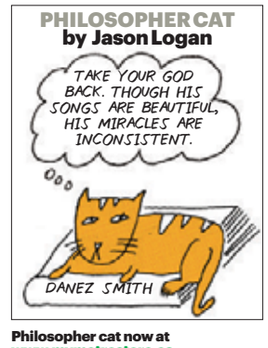

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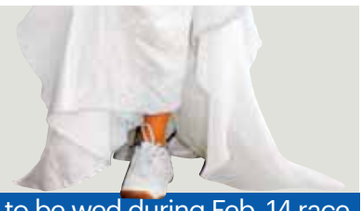

Love-struck L.A. marathon runners to be wed during Feb. 14 race

GETTY IMAGES

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Let freedom ring from Levi's Stadium

THE SHOW: Super Bowl 50, halftime show (CBS/CTV)
THE MOMENT: Beyoncé's X

After Coldplay lulled us and Bruno Mars funked us up, the field cleared and Beyoncé strode in, wearing black leather and backed by the Dream Defenders, women dancers in Black Panther berets. (Reminding us that like the Super Bowl the Panthers turn 50 this year.)

As Beyoncé launched into Formation, she already knew she owned the day. Though some couldn't make out her lyrics ("I like my Negro nose with Jackson 5 nostrils"), when her dancers formed a giant X, they got the message.

"You know you that bitch when you cause all this conversation," Bey sings, and did she ever. The Twitterverse exploded ("Beyoncé is my church").

Throughout Monday, conservative commentators huffed — "Does everything have to be about race?" "Does middle America need to see this?" — and late-night hosts mocked them.

"You know what's in middle America?" the Daily Show's Jessica Williams asked. "Ferguson, Missouri."

Haters were simply peeved that Beyoncé showed everyone what a real statement looks like.

Should the Super Bowl be political? Uh, yeah. Beyoncé wasn't to blame, for example, that America had turned Carolina Panthers vs. Denver Broncos into a contest between a black quarterback and a white one. She merely confronted the mood in her country, as an artist should. If you have an audience of 115.5 million, it's your job to rattle their cages.

Nobody objected when Bud Light went "political" with its ad featuring Amy Schumer at a podium, declaiming that guzzling brewskis is the one thing all Americans have in common. Haters were simply peeved that Beyoncé showed everyone what a real statement looks like.

Girl, I hear some thunder.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

LYRICAL ENDORSEMENT

Beyoncé's Formation has Red Lobster sales spiking

Queen Bey sent Red Lobster sales soaring 33 per cent on Sunday, one day after the star released her new song Formation.

The song references the seafood chain as a reward for sex, in a line we probably can't publish.

Red Lobster jumped on the publicity, tweeting some Beysus-inspired lines like "Cheddar Bey Biscuits" and thanking Beyoncé for "one heck of a weekend."

According to the chain, Red Lobster trended on Twitter for the first time ever after the star released her surprise single Saturday.

The restaurant's spokesperson Erica Ettori told Business Insider Red Lobster is attributing the sales increase to "the Beyoncé bounce."

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BUDGET

Waste not, save a lot: Don't toss that food

With food prices expected to continue to rise through 2016, experts say there's one way people can save money: waste less.

"We are throwing out huge amounts of food," says Michael von Massow, a professor at the University of Guelph.

"We don't like to think about it, we don't like to admit it, but if we pay attention and think about it we can reduce that, which means we'd have to buy less and we wouldn't be feeling these price increases as much."

The university's Food Institute predicted in a December report that Canadians can expect to spend an extra $345 on groceries this year, including up to 4.5 per cent more for fruits and vegetables.

In a 2013 audit, researchers at the university found the average household in Guelph, Ont., was throwing out more than four kilograms of food a week and more than half of that was fresh fruits and vegetables.

(About a third of the total was unavoidable, such as banana peels, cores and coffee grounds.)

Home economist and cookbook author Mairlyn Smith says her best tip to save money and reduce waste is to plan weekly menus, with leftovers in mind, and write a grocery list of the necessary ingredients. Then check to see what you have on hand.

She adds that consumers can reduce waste and costs by changing their thinking about portion sizes.

She points out that people think nothing of eating a 250-gram (eight-ounce) steak, but that's actually considered almost enough to feed a family of four.

Here are some other tips to reduce food waste:

• Extend the life of fruits and vegetables by storing them properly.

"When you get home after shopping, do all your slicing and dicing and washing and chopping for the week," advises registered dietitian Christy Brissette.

You'll be more likely to use items for packed lunches and ease dinner preparation through the week if produce is ready to go.

• Repurpose items, says von Massow. If an apple is not perfect any more, turn it into sauce or a crisp so it can still be eaten without the cost of throwing it out.

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DRINK PICK

Rosés: Pretty in pink

With their kitschy pink hue, even classically produced rosés find it hard to escape blush wine's reputation as a simple, summertime sipper.

But you can enjoy a rosé any time of year. Eminently food-friendly, they make a perfect pairing with breakfast in bed, especially with Valentine's Day landing on a Sunday this year. The last time I was in France I had a chance to spend some time with Gérard Bertrand; the undisputed king of southern French wines. He introduced me to his fruity, yet dry, 2014 Côte des Roses Rosé ($18.95-$19.99), a blend of Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah that brilliantly reveals each grape's personality as it rolls around your mouth.

What really makes it my top Valentine's pick is the bottle. Tall and slim, it comes with a glass stopper and an elegant crimping on the bottom that when turned upside down looks like a rose in full bloom. What's not to love?

PETER ROCKWELL/FOR METRO

DATING

Valentine's Day doesn't have to be self-pitying if you're alone

Sofi Papamarko
For Torstar News Service

"How I'm going to spend Valentine's Day," a parody account in comedian Will Ferrell's name tweeted. "Naked, on the floor with a bottle of liquor in my hand, screaming Adele songs to my cat."

The real-life Ferrell is a happily married man. Nonetheless, the tweet quickly became a meme. It continues to be posted and shared by self-aware singles, steeped as they are in anxiety about hitting the lowest possible lows on a depressing holiday.

It's easy to forget that Valentine's Day is just another day. Here are some suggestions for how singles can make it through those 24 hours without listening to 25 on repeat or otherwise marinating in self-pity.

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Netflix and chill

Take "Netflix and chill" to the next level: watch Netflix and chill by yourself. (Where chill = a pint of Ben & Jerry's). Also acceptable: Netflix and chili.

Host a cocktail party for singles

If you're a single person lucky enough to have a network of single friends, have everybody over for cocktails, canapés and conversation. The best bad-date story wins a prize.

Pound it out

The rush of endorphins that accompanies a great workout will counteract the singleton blues. Happy bonus: you can confidently make eyes at everyone around you: if the are at the gym on Feb. 14 they're probably single, too.

Polish your dating strategy

Update your online dating profiles. Snap a new glamour shot for Tinder or Scruff.

Look into upcoming singles events and meet-ups. Hire a matchmaker. It's empowering to know you're doing everything you can to up the dating ante.

Get out of town

Feb. 14 falls on a long weekend this year. Take advantage by booking getaway for yourself or a group of friends.

Spend Valentine's Day on the slopes, at a day spa in Old Montreal or at a friend's winterized cottage.

Romance a friend

Who says only couples can take advantage of all of the overpriced prix-fixe menus across town?

Spend some quality time with a good platonic pal by planning a "date" with them. Dress up nicely and wine and dine each other at a fancy restaurant or cook a really elaborate gourmet meal together.

Call somebody you care about

Whether it's a parent, a child, an old friend or a favourite aunt, reach out to someone you love.

Valentine's Day emphasizes romantic love, but other forms of love are equally worthy of celebration. Love the ones you've got.

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VALENTINE'S DAY

Baked scallops a delectably simple make-ahead dinner

Valentine's Day can throw the best of us into a wild panic. How to show the one you love the way you feel without succumbing to clichés?

Booking a table at a romantic restaurant for the set steak dinner with a side of heavy breathing couples, or buying a bunch of roses on the way home — always lovely, but never original.

What everyone wants is to feel like they're being thought about or cared for. Making something for someone does exactly that because it's a simple act of love. It need not be a pudding flambé or an Eiffel Tower-high croquembouche, just something special.

This Valentine's Day, take a pass on the expected. As in, ditch the restaurant reservations. You're just going to get overcharged for so-so food, anyway. Instead, stay home and show your lover how much you care by assembling this simple — but impressive — baked scallop dinner.

The beauty is that this recipe, which bathes scallops in a cream sauce and tops them with crispy panko bread crumbs, is easily prepped up to 24 hours ahead, then refrigerated until you are ready to serve.

When you are ready for romance, just heat the oven to 400 F and pop the individual servings in for about 10 minutes. The result is impressive enough that you won't miss the restaurant experience even a little.

Just add some crusty bread and a salad and you'll have a complete meal.

Baked Bay Scallops with Lemon Garlic Cream

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 2

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup panko bread crumbs
- 1 Tbsp butter, melted
- Kosher salt
- 2 Tbsp finely grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tsp chopped fresh thyme
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp lemon zest
- Ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2 cups (16 oz) bay scallops, cleaned (any tough muscles removed)

Directions

1. In a small bowl, combine the bread crumbs, butter, a pinch of salt and the Parmesan. In another small bowl, combine the thyme, garlic, lemon zest, a hefty pinch of black pepper and the cream.

2. Divide the bay scallops between 2 individual gratin dishes. Pour half of the cream mixture over each dish of scallops, then sprinkle each evenly with the bread crumbs. At this point, the scallops can be wrapped and refrigerated for up to 24 hours or baked immediately.

3. When ready to bake, heat the oven to 400 F. Place the gratin dishes on a baking sheet. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, or until the cream is bubbling all over and the crumbs are browned.

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YOU WILL HEART THIS RECIPE
It can easily be prepped up to 24 hours ahead of time and then refrigerated until ready to be baked for just 10 minutes.

Baked Bay Scallops with Lemon Garlic Cream is made for two. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COOKBOOK

Cook it all with coconut

Nathalie Fraise's new cookbook, The Whole Coconut Cookbook: Vibrant Dairy-Free, Gluten-Free Recipes Featuring Nature's Most Versatile Ingredient (Random House Canada: $21.99) has guilt-free coconutty recipes for breakfast, main courses, salads, side dishes, drinks, desserts and snacks like Spicy Coconut Chips.

Spicy Coconut Chips

Ingredients

- 4 cups unsweetened coconut flakes
- 2 Tbsp coconut oil, melted
- 1 Tbsp lime juice
- 3/4 tsp fleur del sel or sea salt
- 1/2 tsp hot paprika

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.

2. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.

3. In a medium bowl, mix coconut flakes with coconut oil and lime juice. Sprinkle in salt and paprika. Mix well.

4. Spread coconut mixture on baking sheet and bake 6-8 minutes, or until golden brown. Watch carefully that chips don't burn.

5. Transfer chips immediately to a plate lined with paper towels and let cool completely. They should crisp up as they cool.

6. Serve immediately, or store in an airtight container for a day.

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Hybrids continue to make converts

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REVIEW

A green ride that's different than most

Mike Goetz
For Metro Canada

Taxi operators love hybrids. Most car buyers, however, are just not willing to commit.

But hybrids continue to make more fans every day, and automakers like how hybrids can help them meet current and future corporate fleet fuel economy standards. So hybrids sales are rising, albeit slowly. The second-generation Hyundai Sonata Hybrid was launched late last summer, and shows just how loveable a modern hybrid can be, despite their relative anonymity. Hyundai's hybrid technology is bit different than most. Hyundai uses a "regular" six-speed automatic transmission instead of a CVT or planetary type, and a "regular" gas engine instead of one running on the Atkinson cycle.

Hyundai also places the electric motor between the gas engine and the transmission. It's simpler design, and not necessarily inferior. For 2016, Hyundai gave Sonata Hybrid a smaller gas engine (now 2.0-litres) and a larger lithium ion battery pack (now with a capacity of 1.62 kWh). The latter now moved under the rear seats, to free up trunk space and facilitate a trunk pass through. You hardly know the extra electric powertrain pieces are there.

Hyundai also continues to give the hybrid model a distinctive look over the regular Sonata, with unique front grille, bumpers, lights, and wheels. Also new is the infotainment system, highlighted by enhanced voice command, Bluetooth, and the optional and large navigation screen that can support Pandora and Siri. Apple CarPlay and Google Android Auto are coming later in the model year.

Unless you're really aggressive with your right foot, the Hybrid uses electrical power to shove off from a dead stop, and with the more powerful electric drivetrain, it's a great feeling. Regenerative braking is also very smooth, and another example of the next level of hybrid refinement offered by this Sonata.

If you're looking for optimum fuel efficiency you'll select the ECO mode. Unfortunately this really affected the quality of the driving experience — much slower, and with unpleasing engine vocals. I couldn't stay in ECO for more than a few minutes. As far as I can see, not much else is wrong with the 2016 Hyundai Sonata Hybrid. The vehicle represents a lot of technology, size, style — and fuel efficiency — for the money.

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 HYUNDAI SONATA HYBRID

THE BASICS

Type. Five-door, five-passenger, FWD midsize sedan.
Power. 38 kw electric motor and 154-hp 2.0-litre I4 (approximately 193 combined hp).
Transmission. Six-speed automatic.
Price. Base $29,649 (plus destination).

POINTS

- Visually different and aerodynamically superior to regular Sonata. Same super low 0.24 coefficient of drag as Tesla Model S.
- Highest interior volume of all midsize hybrids.
- Plug in version coming, with an all-electric range of up to 35 kms.

MARKET POSITION

- Greener version of Hyundai's high-selling midsize Sonata sedan.
- Prioritizing style, comfort and backseat legroom over sportiness.
- The shape of things to come: Hyundai's recently announced it would significantly increase spending to develop more eco friendly and self-driving vehicles.

THE COMPETITION

Toyota Camry Hybrid
Base price: $29,085

Honda Accord Hybrid
Base price: $29,990

Ford Fusion Energi
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Meet the 2016 Buick Encore

Based on the Buick Verano/Chevrolet Sonic platform, the Encore is one of the smallest Buick models ever built and certainly one of the most unusual when you consider the company's cushy big-car past. Although it has less space than a Toyota Matrix, the Encore, along with its close cousin Chevy Trax, still has enough room to haul long items while the standard turbocharged four-cylinder provides decent fuel performance. **JEFF MELNYCHUK** WHEELBASE MEDIA

1 Wheels
Standard 18-inch wheels. Front-wheel-drive, with all-wheel-drive costing an extra $1,500.

2 Engine
Turbocharged 1.4-litre four-cylinder engine makes 138 horsepower. New Sport Touring model is bumped to 153.

3 Dashboard/entertainment
17.7-centimetre infotainment screen with blue ambient lighting. Microphones listen for noise and the Bose stereo plays an opposing frequency to cancel the noise. The tech is similar to that of Bose's excellent noise- cancelling headphones. The system is standard.

4 Design
Solid attention to design detail and materials. Storage in all four doors.

5 Cargo room
Flexible seating/cargo layout with a folding front passenger seat for extra room.
SOURCE: GENERAL MOTORS

GREEN NEWS

Porsche introduces electric Mission E sports sedan

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Watch out Tesla

The first 100 per cent electrically powered Porsche sports car is on its way in the guise of the seductively styled Mission E sports sedan. In making the announcement, Porsche executive board chairman Oliver Blume called it the "beginning of a new chapter" in the history of the sports car. The Mission E, due to be launched in about three years, will require an investment of almost $1 billion US and more than 1,000 new jobs at Porsche's Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen factory in Germany. The four-door car with four individual seats will have an output equivalent exceeding 600 horsepower, will achieve zero-to-96 km/h in less than 3.5 seconds and have a per-charge range of more than 495 kilometres.

ROBORACE

Race to use driverless tech

A new global electric-car racing series could be the beginning of the end for racing-car drivers, some say, but don't count on it. The Roborace series, slated to kick off in 2016, will pit driverless, autonomous electric cars against one another in a round-the-world competition that provides a platform for the autonomous driving technologies being developed by automakers, tech firms and universities.

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THE GREEN ANGLE
Metro's weekly picks for the latest in environmental news

OPTIMA

Kia opts for range of hybrids

Kia Motors Optima mid-size sedan will offer both hybrid-electric and plug-in hybrid electric power "within the next 12 months." The Optima Plug-in Hybrid will be Kia's first plug-in hybrid for global markets when it goes sale in the second half of 2016. The new Optima Hybrid, meanwhile, will offer "substantial improvements" over the current Optima Hybrid.

IN BRIEF

Honda provides insight on Clarity
When it goes on sale in the U.S. late in 2016, the Honda Clarity hydrogen-fuel-cell sedan will become the third current production hydrogen vehicle available for sale in North America, and the first with a hydrogen-electric powertrain that's compact enough to fit entirely under the hood.

Companies woo with love, logic

Renault currently dominates the SUV market in India. Since launching the Kwid in September, the company has gotten 90,000 orders. HANDOUT

NEW DELHI AUTO SHOW

Jeep hopes to capture Indian market, where SUV is king

Just like in the U.S., China and finally in Europe, the SUV is now king in India. It's the most desirable vehicle form and the style that will dominate the stands at this year's New Delhi Auto Show.

However, while some car companies are focusing purely on desire to win consumers' hearts, others are aiming to win over their minds instead.

> **Jeep has been one of the most awaited SUV brands in India.**
> Kevin Flynn, FCA India

Jeep has high hopes for India. It's using its 75th anniversary as a way of introducing itself to the market with an initial three-model range — the Wrangler Unlimited, Grand Cherokee and the incredibly potent Cherokee SRT.

"Jeep has been one of the most awaited SUV brands in India," said Kevin Flynn, President and Managing Director, FCA India.

"The SUV segment witnessed a robust growth of 22 per cent over the last five years in India and we expect it to grow exponentially in the future, creating the perfect environment for the legendary Jeep brand."

However, at the moment, it's car companies like Renault that are making all the headway.

Since officially launching its Kwid compact crossover hatchback in September it has clocked up 90,000 orders.

"It has generated unprecedented success in its category and has won the hearts of customers' and automotive experts alike," said Sumit Sawhney, Country CEO and Managing Director, Renault India Operations.

Jeep will no doubt tick a number of desirability boxes for Indian consumers, but the Kwid meets most Indian drivers' real-world needs by offering a car that has high ground clearance, is compact and reliable and that sips rather than gulps fuel.

And with the necessities nailed down, Renault is adding a bit of desire to the Kwid with two very different concepts.

The Kwid Climber is about delivering on those rugged looks.

It has greater ground clearance still and a wider track for better road holding and maneuverability.

Wheel arch extensions emphasize the look and the exterior is completed with rugged body moldings.

The Kwid Racer takes things in the opposite direction, offering a glimpse of a sports-focused future production.

It sits lower to the ground, boasts 18-inch alloy wheels and an aerodynamics kit.

Inside there are bucket seats and aluminum and Alcantara trim, plus a roll cage and a display that incorporates telemetry info for those that really want to improve lap times on a track. AFP

CANADIANS LOVE SUVS TOO

AutoTRADER survey finds sports utility vehicles more attractive than sports cars

With Valentine's Day around the corner, autoTRADER.ca conducted a poll asking Canadians which kinds of vehicles they find most attractive for a potential mate.

Perhaps surprisingly, SUVs and crossovers rated higher than sports cars and convertibles, while mainstream brands like Ford and Toyota were identified as more attractive than luxury and exotic brands. Minivans and wagons tied for last place on the love-metre, with just three per cent of respondents preferring a potential mate to own these types of vehicles. METRO

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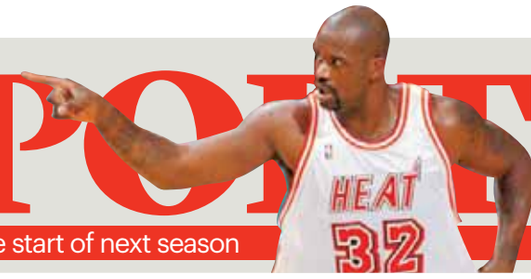


The Miami Heat will retire 2006 NBA champion Shaquille O'Neal's jersey at the start of next season

Signing of Harris caps Blue Bombers' busy day

CFL

Rebuilding club adds other Canadians to its roster

Andrew Harris is going home while Ted Laurent is staying put.

Harris, a Winnipeg native, signed a three-year deal with the hometown Blue Bombers on Tuesday, the opening day of CFL free agency. The all-star running back returns to his home province following six seasons with the B.C. Lions.

Laurent, the other top Canadian available in free agency, opted to remain with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, signing a two-year contract reportedly worth $500,000. The six-foot-one, 305-pound defensive tackle from Montreal has been a league all-star the past two seasons in Steeltown.

Laurent's return is big for Hamilton, which lost kicker Justin Medlock (Winnipeg) and defensive backs Brandon Stewart and Mike Edem (both to B.C.) in free agency and still has over 20 players on the open market. The Ticats did re-sign veteran slotback Andy Fantuz and added free-agent linebacker Alex Hoffman-Ellis, who spent the last two seasons with the B.C. Lions.

Prior to the start of free agency, Hamilton signed defensive end John Chick after he was released by the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

For Harris, his decision was the realization of a childhood dream.

"Any young boy that plays football in Manitoba always dreams of playing for the Bombers and that's always been on my mind," Harris said during a conference call. "I had some other offers but ultimately I'm at a point in my career where I've been in B.C. almost 10 years now and my daughter is eight and being closer to her was a big factor in deciding this.

I just want to be able to get on the field and make impact plays for this team. Andrew Harris

"I just think the organization is going in the right direction. It was good timing for a lot of different reasons."

The signing of Harris highlighted a busy day for Winnipeg GM Kyle Walters. He also landed Medlock, Canadian defensive lineman Keith Shologan, Montreal-born running back Pascal Lochard, veteran national centre Jeff Keeping and receiver Ryan Smith in free agency.

Last month, Walters signed veteran receiver Weston Dressler after he was released by Saskatchewan.

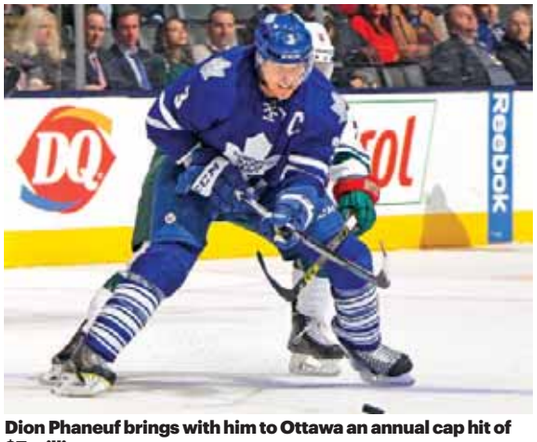
The five-foot-11, 202-pound Harris was one of the big names in the free-agent pool. He ran for 1,039 yards last season to finish second overall to Montreal's Tyrell Sutton (1,059 yards) while adding 53 catches for 484 yards to post a CFL-best 1,523 yards from scrimmage.

Harris also plays a position usually handled by an American so the 28-year-old gives Winnipeg the luxury of using an import elsewhere. The Bombers also haven't had a 1,000-yard rusher since 2012 when Chad Simpson ran for 1,039 yards. THE CANADIAN PRESS

STAMPEDERS

One of the top players expected to be available on Tuesday was national running back Jerome Messam. However, it was announced Monday night that he re-signed with the Calgary Stampeders.

Winnipeg native Andrew Harris finished had the second-most rushing yards in 2015. DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES



Dion Phaneuf brings with him to Ottawa an annual cap hit of $7 million. CLAUS ANDERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Leafs deal Phaneuf to Sens

For the Ottawa Senators the help comes now, for the Toronto Maple Leafs it comes later.

A mammoth nine-player swap between Ontario rivals Tuesday saw Leafs captain Dion Phaneuf land in the nation's capital in a trade that props up a mostly inexperienced Ottawa defence while shedding Toronto of another core player and his long-term contract, one that carries a $7-million US annual salary-cap hit and expires in 2021.

"I think both parties ended up where they want to be at this moment," Senators general manager Bryan Murray said of the trade. "We'll see now how it works out."

Phaneuf, at the very least, upgrades the Senators' back end as they try to catch up in the Eastern Conference playoff race. The 30-year-old instantly adds experience, penalty-killing acumen and some offensive capability to an Erik Karlsson-led group that features four defenders with less than 300 games of NHL experience.

Phaneuf — who broke into the league with Calgary — recently played his 800th career NHL game, a total that far surpasses any of his new teammates on defence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ON THE MOVE

To Ottawa: D Dion Phaneuf, F Matt Frattin, F Casey Bailey, F Ryan Rupert, D Cody Donaghey
To Toronto: D Jared Cowen, F Milan Michalek, F Colin Greening, F Tobias Lindberg, 2nd draft pick in 2017

IN BRIEF

Brodeur's No. 30 jersey retired by the Devils

Martin Brodeur tried to start his thank you speech only to be drowned out by the roaring crowd.

Finally, he stepped away from the podium and simply soaked it all in.

The New Jersey Devils retired Brodeur's No. 30 jersey Tuesday night during a pre-game ceremony, giving his adoring fans in Newark one more chance to cheer the winningest goalie in NHL history.

The Devils beat the Edmonton Oilers 2-1. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Browns deny lying about Manziel's concussion

The Cleveland Browns are defending their handling of Johnny Manziel's late-season concussion.

The team issued a statement on Tuesday saying Manziel was diagnosed with a concussion on Dec. 30 by an independent neurologist, countering an NFL Network report that they lied about the injury to cover up the troubled quarterback showing up intoxicated for practice. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aldridge leads Spurs in defeating Heat

LaMarcus Aldridge scored 28 points, Kawhi Leonard added 23 and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Miami Heat 119-101 on Tuesday night.

Danny Green added 15 for the Spurs, who have won six straight over the Heat going back to the 2014 NBA Finals.

Dwyane Wade scored 20 points on 9-for-12 shooting for Miami, which goes into the all-star break on a two-game slide. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Super Bowl nets $132M in wagers at Nevada bookies

Nevada sportsbooks are smiling after they took in a record $132.5 million in wagers on Super Bowl 50.

They kept about 10.1 per cent of the wagers ($13.3 million) as gamblers bet heavily on Carolina. The Panthers lost Sunday's game to the Denver Broncos 24-10. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE Easy Tomato Tart

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This nice, light pizza makes an easy dinner when served with a salad. But you could also cut it into smaller pieces and serve it as hors d'oeuvres at a cocktail party.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Total time: 40 minutes
Serves 6

Ingredients
- 1 sheet of puff pastry
- 2 Tbsp olive oil, approximately
- 1 pint of cherry tomatoes
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh herbs (I used parsley and basil but thyme and rosemary would be nice too)
- 1/2 cup grated mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400 F.
2. Most puff pastries come in a package with two sheets of dough and you'll only need one. Put the other back in the freezer for another time.
3. Tear off a good-sized sheet of parchment paper, say 16 or 18 inches long. Lightly flour the paper and use a rolling pin to roll out the pastry into approximately an 8- by 12-inch rectangle. Use a fork to prick holes all over the dough. Now take a small, sharp knife and create a border about 1/2 inch in, all around the rectangle, being careful not to cut all the way through!
4. Drizzle the oil over the pastry. Now scatter the cheese. Then place tomatoes on top. Sprinkle your herbs on top and add a pinch of salt and pepper
5. Place in a hot oven for 20 to 25 minutes until the pastry is golden and the cheese is bubbling. Allow to cool slightly before cutting. Serve with a simple salad.

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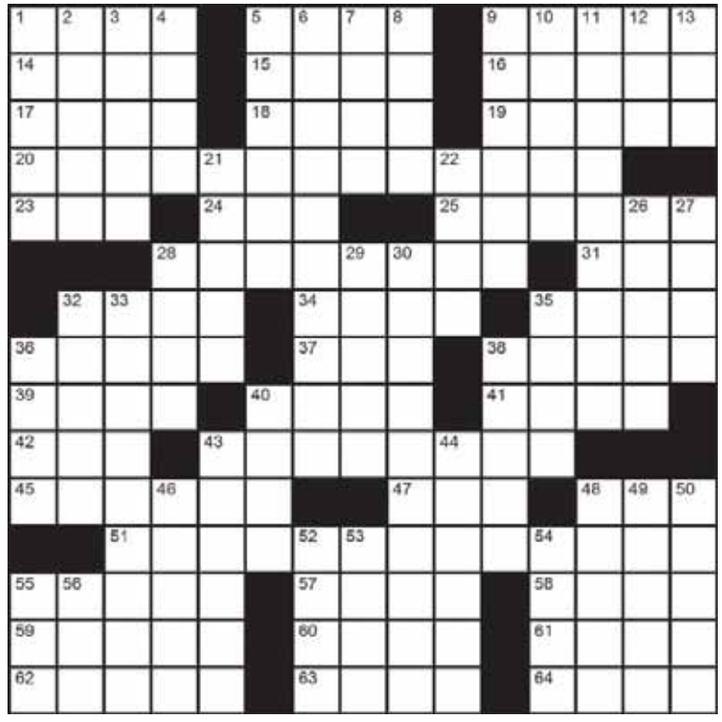

ACROSS
1. Woodstock emcee Mr. Gravy
5. Lakes: French
9. Southern Alberta town
14. Corn lily
15. Is part of the kit [abbr.]
16. Actress Christina
17. One on the ground waiting in ambush
18. Advertising __.
19. Intensify with energy: 2 wds.
20. Canadian legend Nancy Greene, famously: 2 wds.
23. Bad __ (German spa resort)
24. 'Expert' suffix
25. Firstborn
28. Complains
31. Musical comedy, "Mamma __!" (2008)
32. Soft cheese
34. Airline to Israel: 2 wds.
35. The Family Circus cartoonist Mr. Keane's
36. Bellowing
37. Ad __ (Relevant)
38. Crack
39. Does 'lofty' farm work
40. Apothecary weight
41. Hearers
42. Fit Fiddle link: 2 wds.
43. Feigning
45. Guggenheim Museum locale in Spain
47. Seoul's locale [acronym]
48. Droop
51. Motorist's message medium: 2 wds.
55. Roots realm
57. Mr. Lugosi
58. Read: French
59. Kitchen appliance
60. Turn __ red (Get embarrassed)
61. Hopped off the horse
62. Type of comic book artist
63. Dog breed, __ Terrier
64. Legal bargaining

DOWN
1. Actress Olivia
2. Self-evident truth
3. Opinions
4. Cardigan 'cord'
5. Mediate
6. England, in France
7. Nero's 350
8. Mr. Stallone's, briefly
9. Where to find hikers, bikers and nature likers
10. Did this in the game of darts
11. Canadian politician Christy Clark = _ _ _
12. Old French coin
13. Pants split
21. Winter: French
22. Ship's balancer
26. 1861 George Eliot novel, __ Marner
27. Chore
28. Some makes of cars
29. One of an athletic shoe's turf grippers
30. Lauren of "Mr. D" on CBC
32. Enforcer in "The Godfather" (1972), Luca __
33. RBC = _ _ of Canada
35. Scottish hillside
36. Captain in "Moby Dick" (1956)
38. "Ugly Betty" actress Ms. Newton
40. Lose one's grip
43. Spoil, spa-style
44. Write down the music score
46. WWII's Battle of the __
48. Acquired ability
49. Variant-spelled cliff nest
50. Ms. Van Susteren of FOX News
52. Dwindles
53. Stenchify
54. Applaud
55. __ Lanka
56. Chickpeas container

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
If you haven't been rewarded for the time and effort you've put into your work you will be soon. But whatever you receive won't match the pride you have for doing such a good job.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
There's more to life than money and power. Whatever it is that inspires you go after it with purpose and passion. Follow your star wherever it leads — it is sure to be some place good.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Why are you worrying so much? What happens over the next two or three days will finally convince you that fear is not only a useless emotion but also a dangerous one.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Loved ones have not been quite so helpful of late but only because they had a lot on their plate. Today, however, they will go right the other way and give you as much attention as you need. Show your appreciation.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Good news will lift your spirits but don't start thinking that nothing can go wrong. You can take silly risks, so if someone tells you to watch your step maybe you should listen.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Life has been a lot of fun of late, but don't ease up too much because other aspects point to a more serious phase. Family issues need to be handled with tact and discretion today.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your efforts are about to pay off. All the people you helped will do something special to thank you. The real reward, however, is knowing you have made a difference.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Doors that have been shut to you in the past will be flung wide open. Why the sudden change? Most likely it is because you have stopped trying so hard to be accepted — so it's no longer fun for others to say "no."

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You have made a lot of sacrifices and you will soon get your reward. Jupiter will make it easy for you to connect with people in positions of power. Tell them what you need.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You think that time is running out but there's still time to do something out of the ordinary, something others will talk about for years to come. Don't waste any more time making plans, just do what feels right.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The sooner you believe Lady Luck is on your side the sooner good things will start happening. Actually they're happening already but you seem determined not to notice. You're letting opportunities pass you by.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
If you feel a touch depressed you should dress sharp and hit the town with your friends. A night out will take your mind off your worries.

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